

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2012, civil-rights icon Bettie Naylor passed away at the age of 85, having served the Austin community for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Bettie Naylor is locally and nationally regarded as a pioneering advocate for equal rights, including the rights of women and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community;

WHEREAS, the work of Bettie Naylor lives on through the many organizations she founded and supported, including Equality Texas and the Texas and National Women's Political Caucus;

WHEREAS, we are a better community, a better city, a better state, and a better nation because of Bettie Naylor, and she is proof that one person can make a difference; and

WHEREAS, among her many accomplishments, Bettie Naylor organized a coalition of gay bars in the 1980s and provided for their first representation at the Texas Legislature to ensure that the bars were not punished or fined solely because of their gay affiliation; and

WHEREAS, the proudly flown rainbow flags on the facades of the gay bars on 4th Street are testaments to the success Bettie Naylor had at the state capital; and

WHEREAS, it is both fitting and deserving that the City Council dedicate 4th Street to the memory of Bettie Naylor, through an honorary naming, **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

In honor of the legacy and work of Bettie Naylor, Fourth Street between Congress Avenue and Rio Grande Street shall have the honorary name of Bettie Naylor Avenue. The City Manager is hereby directed to place Bettie Naylor Avenue street signs and to ensure that both Bettie Naylor Avenue and Fourth Street addresses may be used effectively.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the City Council honors Bettie Naylor for her life-long service to the Austin community.

ADOPTED: _____, 2012

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk